¶ A plaine and easie way to remedy a Horse that is foundered in his feete.

By which vsing this remedy (within xxiiii. howers after his instant foundering) you may within xxiiii. hours after the cure vsed, trauell your horse and iourney him at your pleasure, as if he had not beene foundered at all.

Set out by Nicholas Malbie Gentleman Seruaunt to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie.

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To the right VVorshipfull maister Edwarde Fitzgerald Esquire, liquetenant of the Gentlemen Pencioners.

SIR at my late being at the court, which as I remẽber was about xii. moneths now past, at what time I came out of Ireland, & now againe at my presẽt being here, I haue bin requested by sundry honest gentlemen some my good friends, & old acquaintãce, some other who knowing more my name then my selfe, haue repaired vnto me with like request to instructe them in the curing of a foundered horse, whose fauors did moue me to offer & promise vnto thẽ to put the same in print. Partly to make a present therof to all my countrimẽ that either be or intend to be trauailers on horsebacke. Reputing it also conuenient to publish the same in common, the rather for that I iudge the poorest sort shall receaue most benefite therby. And bicause it is not meete that this excellent cure should want the reputation it deserueth, neither to be accoũted a vaine thing, not worthy the hauing, as many be, that being printed haue small credite, notvvithstanding they cary, probatum est, I doe dedicate the same vnto you, both for the friendly affection I owe you, & for that you can giue good testimony of this cure by an experience made vppon an horse of your ovvne. I haue caused the same to be printed, as vvell to ease my selfe of the trauell I shoulde haue to answvere euerye mans request: as to satisfie my friendes, to vvhom I haue made promise, and all others that are desirous to vnderstand the knovvledge therof, vvhich I pray you may be vnder your protection, and presented to as many as you shal please, and of the rest let the printer make his profite. So God keepe you from Londõ the first of Apri. 1576.

Your affectionate friend to commaund
Nicholas Mathie.

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Tot'e Reader.

AMong many diſeaſes whiche doe raigne in a Horſe, I haue ſeene that the foundering hath beene reputed the moſt difficulte to be cured. And as the goute in man is accounted an infirmitie incurable: ſo is the foundering in a Horſe (of moſte men) thought irrecouerable. I wiſh I coulde as well heale the one, as by gods ſufferance) I can giue remedy for the other. I would as willingly preſent vnto you both, as I doe this one, notwithſtanding accept this as it is, and refuſe it not, as ſundry curious and ſcornefull Farriers haue done vnto mee, who neither knowing how to remedy the diſeaſe, nor willing to learne, haue reiected at my handes the vnderſtãding of the cure, and as it were in ſpite of art and cunning, cut out the ſoles of the Horſes feete (a thing commonly vſed among ſuch ignorant perſons) by which any Horſe ſo miſuſed, ſhall neuer haue his feete ſound againe, whatſoeuer they promiſe you, whereby this which I doe heere ſet out, neither ſhall you once remoue youre Horſes ſhoes, neither yet touch any part of his hooke or Feete, and yet ſhall your Horſe bee as ſounde as euer hee was. Farwell. London firſt of Aprill. 1576.

The way and and meane touching the ſayd Remedie.

When you find your Horſe to bee foundred in his feete, which you ſhall perceiue by drawing in all his foure legs together, and by his ſtanding croaching as though hee ſtoode vpon needles, and will

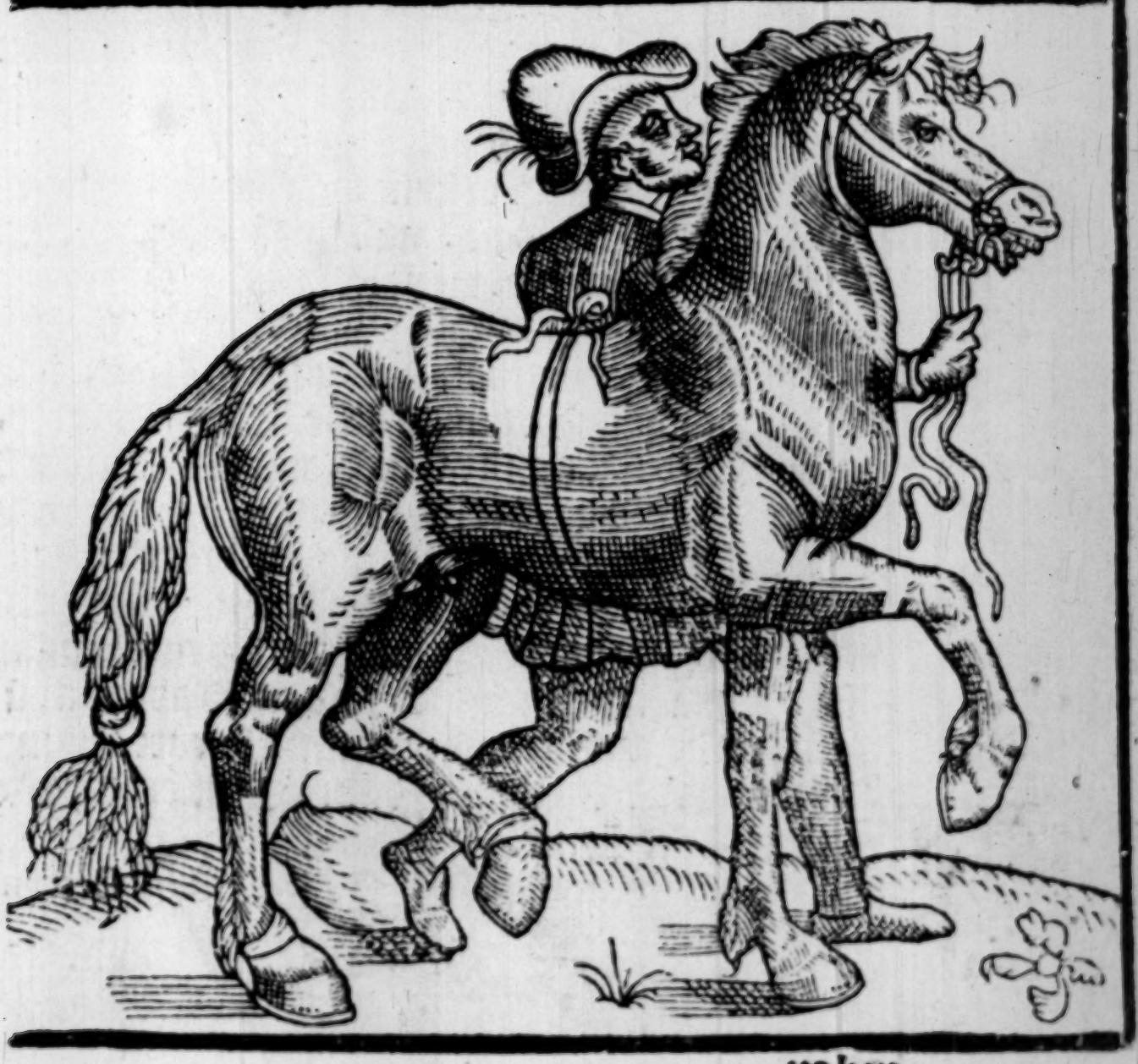
be loth to goe: you muſt cauſe him to be let blood on his two breſt vaines of his too foꝛelegs, ſomewhat aboue the knees. Let him alſo blood on his ſpurre vaines on both his ſides, and on the vaines of his too hinder feete a little aboue the hooke, betweene the hooke and the paſtoꝛne, as you may perceiue by this picture.

Let the vaines bleede well to the quantitie of a quart, oꝛ three pintes, which blood you muſt ſaue in ſome veſſell, and ſtirre it with a ſticke to keepe it from cluttering: and when he hath bled as aboue-ſaid, put it all into one veſſel, then ſtop the wounds with ſome Hoꝛſe dunge, oꝛ ſome earth, and make a

Charge

Charge with the blood in this ſort.

Take as much wheate Meale (as it commeth frō the Mill) as will make the blood ſomwhat thicke and put it into the blood. Take eyght or ten Egges rawe, and breake them alſo into this blood, ſhelles and all, take a pint of ſtrong vineger, and a quantity of bole armoniake brayed, and put them into the ſame blood alſo: which done you ſhal ſtir them altogeather. Then ſhall you with your hand lay ẏ ſaide charge all along vpon the raines of ẏ Horſes backe. vpon his buttockes, and downe his ſhoulders, as by this picture you may ſee.



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when you haue laid on this charge thus, you shal take linnen rags, dipped in the same Charge, with which two rags so dipped, you shal garter the horse aboue the knees of his two forelegs somwhat hard. That done cause him to be walked vpon the hardest ground ye can find, for the space of two or three houres, if he be loth to go (as commonly hee will be) let one followe him and beate him with a sticke or wand to force him to go. Then after this walking let him be set vp and tied to the racke that he lie not downe, and there led him rest two or three houres, which done, let him be walked againe two or three houres more as afore said. Then set him vp and let him feede, and when you giue him drink, which you may doe within two or three houres after his feeding let the water be heated somewhat hot, and put some grounded malt, or some bran into it, & let him drinke it blouds warme, and feede a little after it. Then ride him a little, & if ye let him stand an houre or two in a poole of standing watrr vp to the bellye, and one vpon his backe, it is good to doe it, and after that ride him againe a little. Then let him bee set vp, well dressed and couered, and so by little and little ride him a day or two, and then may you boldlie iourney him, for it is ryding that bringeth ỹ horse to the perfectnes of his feete, and you shal find your horse as sound as euer he was, for this cure is infallible. I haue my selfe helped and cured aboue a hundred Horses, and for sundry of them so cured by me, I haue good testimony of diuers Gentlemen, now present at the Court.

Certaine

Certaine notes touchicg this cure to be obſerued.

IT is not needefull for you to take of the Horſes ſhoes, nor touch them at all, except it be to amend thē for ſome other needefull cauſe.

You muſt after xviiii. houres rubbe of the charge from the horſes backe.

You muſt take of ẏ garters after xii. or xiii. houres, and rub his knees, vp and downe with your hands to put the numnes away.

You ſhall alſo vnderſtand that I haue helped many Horſes, either without vineger or Bole armoniak for that I haue bin in place where I could not haue it. I haue alſo vſed Oten meale, when I could not haue wheate meale.

I haue alſo healed a horſe by letting him bloude in the necke, when he would not bleede in the vains before preſcribed, and vſed & compounded the ſame bloud, as aboue is written.

I do alſo ſildome vſe the ſtanding of the horſe in a poole of water as before is ſaide,

But if you doe all as is fyrſt written, it is the beſt & ſureſt way no doubt: but if you be in place where you cannot attayne to all the premiſſes, you ſhall make good ſhift with part of it, and ſurely I do find that it is the taking of the bloud, that is the cheefe & principall cauſe of the cure.

And where I doe write alſo that you muſt take your Horſe in hande (to cure him) within twentie foure howers after his firſt foundering, I thinke good to let you vnderſtand that it is beſt ſo to do & yet did I once helpe a Horſe of myne owne that had

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had bene foundred fiue daies, and he was very wel cured, but he asked foure or fiue daies more to come to the perfectnes of his feete, then vsually the Horses doe that be taken in hande, as aboue said.

This cure hath also this vertue: that your Horse being once cured, shall not commonly or neuer founder againe. I neuer hard of any that so did but one, which was M. Edward Fitzgeralds Horse whom he helped presently againe with the same cure and he hath the same Horse at this day as sound as euer was.

Thus much I haue thought good to say, touching the obseruation of the cure vpon any necessitie, whē you cannot bee in place to prouide you of all such things as be requisite for the same,

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